

TO: MEMBERS OF THE EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
FROM: ROSANNE CRAEMER SHEA, WEST HARTFORD, CT  
DATE: MARCH 15, 2023

**RE: PLEASE SUPPORT HOUSE BILL 6881 –  
AN ACT CONCERNING VARIOUS REVISIONS TO THE  
EDUCATION STATUTES RELATED TO EDUCATOR  
COMPENSATION AND PARAEDUCATORS.**

I am writing to thank you for raising and supporting House Bill 6881.

My 26-year-old son Jeremiah has severe autism. Jeremiah is a very happy and loving young man.

Throughout Jeremiah's years at the Whiting Lane School in West Hartford, the King Phillip School in West Hartford, and then the CREC River Street School in Windsor; Jeremiah always received amazing services and learning experiences from all of the paraeducators who worked with Jeremiah at these wonderful schools.

Jeremiah has been surrounded by many loving and kind people throughout his life; and the paraeducators at Jeremiah's great public schools are definitely among the most loving and the most kind.

Thank you again for recognizing how important all paraeducators are to all Connecticut students.

**Please vote YES on House Bill 6881.**